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3       By Senators Ross, Allen, Beasley, Beason, Bedford, Blackwell,  
4       Brewbaker, Brooks, Bussman, Coleman, Dial, Dunn, Fielding,  
5       Figures, Glover, Holley, Holtzclaw, Irons, Keahey, Marsh,  
6       McGill, Orr, Pittman, Reed, Sanders, Sanford, Scofield,  
7       Singleton, Smith, Smitherman, Taylor, Waggoner, Ward, Whatley  
8       and Williams  
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8 COMMENDING OCTAVIA SPENCER FOR WINNING AN ACADEMY  
9 AWARD FOR BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS.  
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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations are hereby extended  
12 to Ms. Octavia Spencer, a native of Montgomery, Alabama, for  
13 her role as Minny, the outspoken maid in the 2011 film, "The  
14 Help," for which she received an Academy Award for Best  
15 Supporting Actress; and

16 WHEREAS, in her gracious and emotional acceptance of  
17 the award, Ms. Spencer proudly recognized her Alabama  
18 connection, and became only the second Native Alabamian to win  
19 an Academy Award; and

20 WHEREAS, Ms. Spencer graduated in 1988, from  
21 Jefferson Davis High School in Montgomery, Alabama, where she  
22 was a member of the drama club, and received a bachelor's  
23 degree in Liberal Arts from Auburn University where she  
24 majored in English and double minored in journalism and  
25 theater; and

1           WHEREAS, Ms. Spencer paid her dues working behind  
2     the scenes as a member of the production crew on  
3     Made-in-Alabama films "Tom and Huck," "The Grass Harp," and  
4     "Cobb" before she earned a speaking part with Sandra Bullock  
5     in "A Time to Kill"; and

6           WHEREAS, while making "A Time to Kill," Spencer  
7     became friends with Mississippi filmmaker Tate Taylor, who  
8     introduced her to "The Help" author Kathryn Stockett, a  
9     University of Alabama graduate; and

10          WHEREAS, Ms. Spencer has appeared in the movies  
11     "Being John Malkovich," "Big Momma's House," "Spider Man,"  
12     "Bad Santa," "Coach Carter," "Miss Congeniality 2," "Seven  
13     Pounds," "The Soloist," and "Dinner for Schmucks," as well as  
14     numerous television series; and

15          WHEREAS, for her portrayal of the feisty and  
16     unflappable Minny Jackson in "The Help," Ms. Spencer was  
17     recognized with the 2012 Golden Globe and a BAFTA for Best  
18     Supporting Actress for her Performance, culminating in her  
19     winning the Oscar for Best Supporting Actress; and

20          WHEREAS, Ms. Spencer indeed brings pride and honor  
21     to the State of Alabama, and is deserving of the highest  
22     praise for her accomplishments; now therefore,

23          BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
24     HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and  
25     commend Ms. Octavia Spencer, a native of Montgomery, Alabama,  
26     for her signature accomplishment in winning an Academy Award

1       and for her distinguished body of work in theater, and it is  
2       directed that a copy of this resolution be provided to her  
3       with our sincere tribute and praise.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution  
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris  
Secretary

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House of Representatives  
Adopted: 20-MAR-12

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By: Senator Ross